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## LaserWriter Select 360: Automatic Language Sensing (10/93)

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TOPIC -----

This article discusses Automatic Language Sensing on the LaserWriter Select 360.

DISCUSSION -----

The LaserWriter Select 360 can use two-page description languages: PostScript and PCL5. If you use a Macintosh computer, your documents are printed using the PostScript language. If you use an IBM PC or compatible computer, your documents may be printed using either PostScript or PCL5. When you send a document to the LaserWriter, a feature called Adobe IntelliSelect (AIS) automatically determines which language is used for the document.

Your printer has three interface ports (LocalTalk, parallel, and serial). Each port can be set up to use AIS or not, as you choose. For example, if you use the printer's LocalTalk port to connect a Macintosh computer, and the parallel port to connect an IBM PC or compatible computer, you can turn AIS off for the LocalTalk port and turn it on for the parallel port. This is because all Macintosh programs print using PostScript, and programs on PCs may use PostScript or PCL5.

Each port has three possible AIS settings:

1. AutoSelect (AIS is turned on)
2. PostScript (AIS is turned off and the port is set to PostScript only)
3. PCL5 (AIS is turned off and the port is set to PCL5 only).

When a port is set to PostScript only, you cannot use it to print PCL5 documents. When a port is set to PCL5 only, you cannot use it to print PostScript documents.

You use the rotary switch on the back of the printer to change the settings of the interface ports. AIS is one of the settings you can change. The switch is set at the factory to position 0, which is what most users will need. To find out what the settings are and how to change them, reference an article titled "Interface Configuration Settings."

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